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Judge Daniel C. Villanueva

- Manila Assistant Prosecutor (1987-2006)
- Lucena Regional Trial Court Branch 54 Judge (2006 — 2011)
- Manila Regional Trial Court Branch 49 Judge (2011 — 2020)

Judge Villanueva has dedicated 33 years of his life and counting, in public service.

BEHIND JUDGE VILLANUEVA'S GAVEL...

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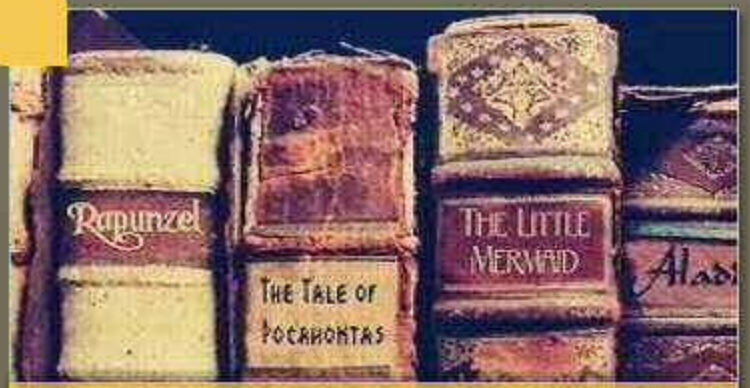
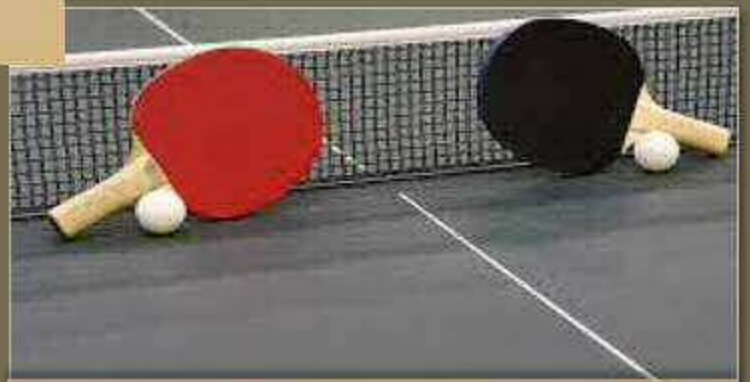
IS AN ENTHUSIAST



Who loves reading

and surfing the internet

Who is into Politics, History and Current Events

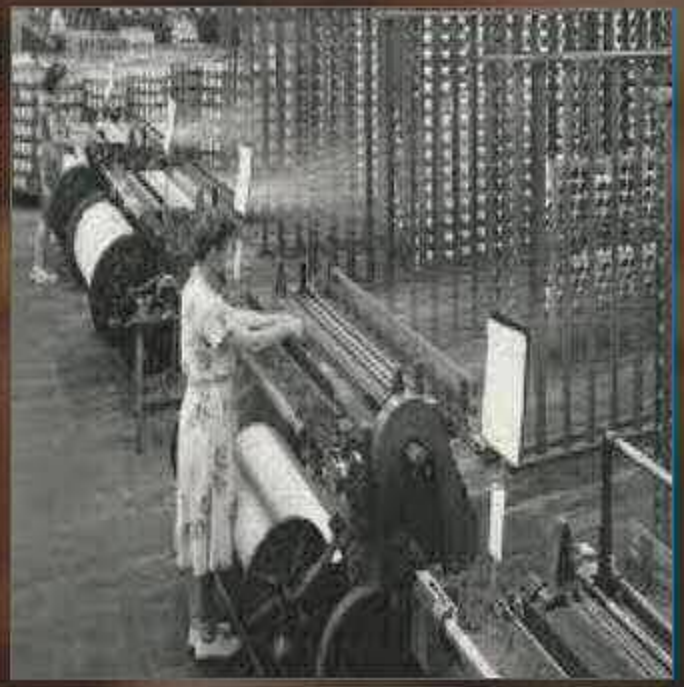


Who loves playing table tennis

and chess

IS A HAPPY AND CAREFREE CHILD

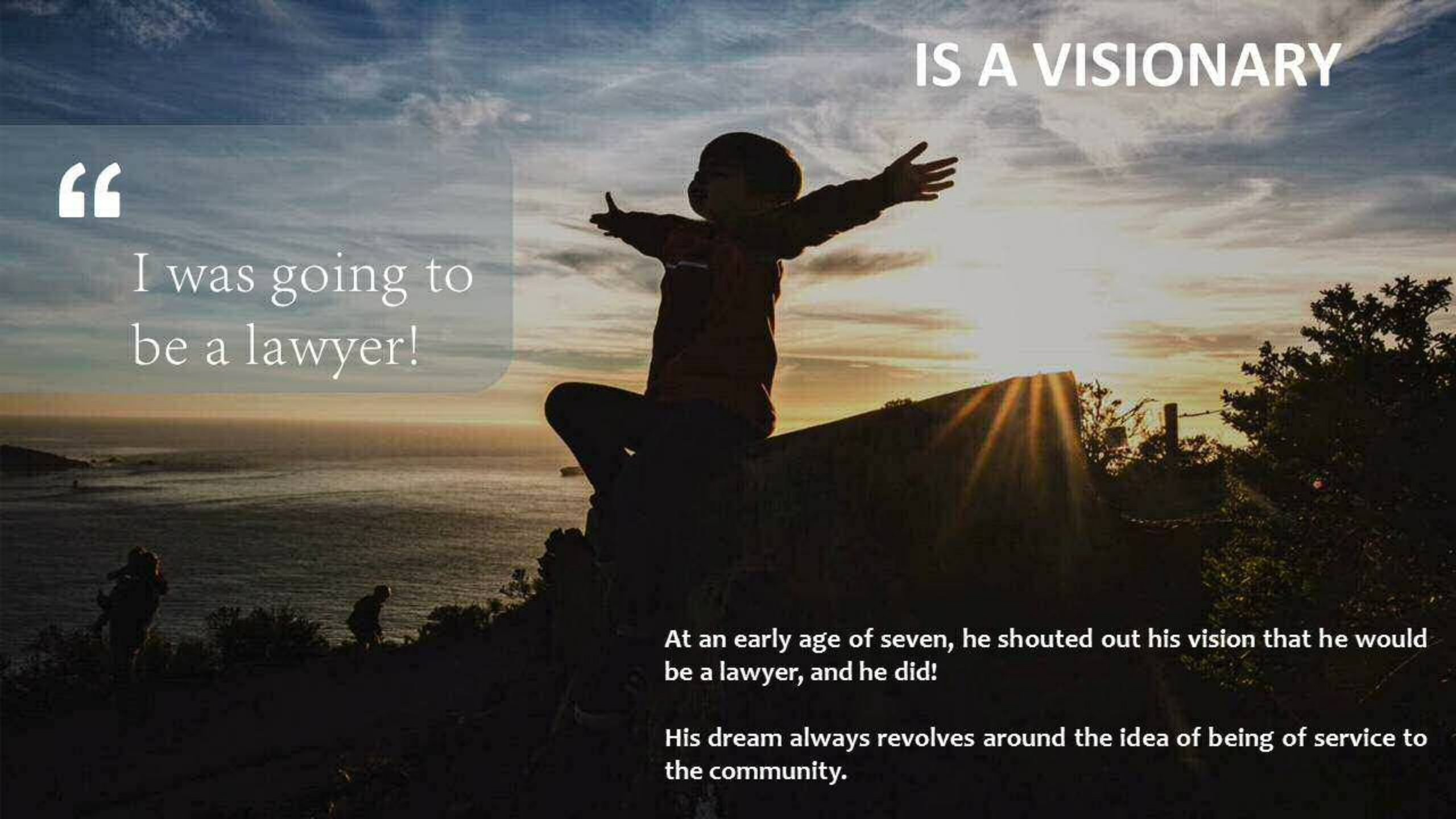
His father was a successful textile businessman who owned the Filipinas Textile Mills in Cainta. His mother was a housewife.



Their family was well off having a successful business with domestic staff, household help and drivers around.

He lived in a warm and happy home with all the conveniences that he has enjoyed while growing up.

His childhood memories are characterized by fun and being carefree, having given the opportunity to play with kids in their neighborhood and to socialize in schools.


IS A VISIONARY
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I was going to be a lawyer!
At an early age of seven, he shouted out his vision that he would be a lawyer, and he did!
His dream always revolves around the idea of being of service to the community.

IS A SUPPORTIVE BROTHER

He has three siblings, all successful in their chosen profession. One is a successful restaurant businesswoman and the other a language teacher at the University of Hong Kong and the youngest brother is a licensed criminologist and a trader.

IS A LOVING FATHER AND HUSBAND

Who speaks of his wife as a loving one and
who proudly speaks of his children and their achievements

- His eldest follows his footstep as an Assistant Prosecutor in Pasay City.
- His son is taking up engineering.
- His youngest just graduated as Valedictorian in her elementary years.

IS A MEMBER OF A STRONGLY BONDED FAMILY

SOLIDARITY

He associated **“Solidarity”**, **“Cooperation”** and **“Mutual Support”**. to both his families (with his parents and siblings and his wife and children). This association illustrates the closeness and harmony within their family.

IS A DILIGENT AND TRUSTED STUDENT

He has an excellent educational background, having studied in one of the most reputable universities in the Philippines.

He took AB Political Science in UP Diliman, as a college scholar on half tuition fee.

Completed law proper at the same university, and passed the Bar Exams in 1978 with a high grade of 85.675 %.

SURROUNDED BY SUPPORTIVE PARENTS

While everyone else in the Filipino-Chinese community was edging on the world of business and power and his family was in the textile business, he still decided to study law.

His parents were supportive of his studies and ambition, believing that he could be a good asset in the family business.

IS A WELL-ACCOMPLISHED PUBLIC SERVANT

Pursuant with his childhood dream to be involved in some service to the community, in working in the public sector, he was first employed as a lawyer/candidate NBI Agent.

He later applied and was appointed as an Assistant City Prosecutor of Manila.

Consistent with his goal of joining the judiciary, he became a Regional Trial Court Judge in Lucena and Manila.

IS AN OUTSTANDING JUDGE

HIS BEST MOMENTS

In 1980, he was chosen as one of the outstanding judges of **Manila RTC**, awarded with a plaque, a free dinner at Manila Hotel and P50,000 in prize money.

In 2019, adjudged by his peers in the **RTC Judges Association**, he was chosen as one of the outstanding judges.

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but the essence is the kind of public recognition of my humble endeavors and aspirations

Congratulations!

Hon. Daniel C. Villanueva

FOR BEING AN

OUTSTANDING RTC JUDGE FOR 2019

From: RTC MANILA
Branch 49 Family

IS AN OBSERVANT JUDGE

HIS WORST MOMENTS IN HIS PROFESSION

Being an internet savvy himself, he considers the slow judicial and national prosecution processes in adapting to the computer age as one of the worst things in his profession.

He voiced out that it had to take the COVID 19 pandemic to force the judicial authorities to allow online transactions and proceedings.

He also specified the lack of emphasis and enthusiasm for forensic science in criminal investigation and the lack of presentation of evidence as other worst things in his profession.

He also raised his frustrations in the excruciatingly slow process of judicial adjudication.

IS SOMEONE
WHO HAS HIS OWN SET OF "DOWNS"

WORST MOMENTS IN HIS LIFE:

The passing away of his beloved dad in 1987 without witnessing him enter the prosecution service.

The passing of his dearest mom in 2006, a period of bereavement which made him decide to apply for judgeship.

He admitted that he made mistakes, some of which he regret. However, he does not dwell on it too much.

YET, IS SOMEONE
WHO HAS LOTS OF POSITIVITY.

HIS “ME” and “I”

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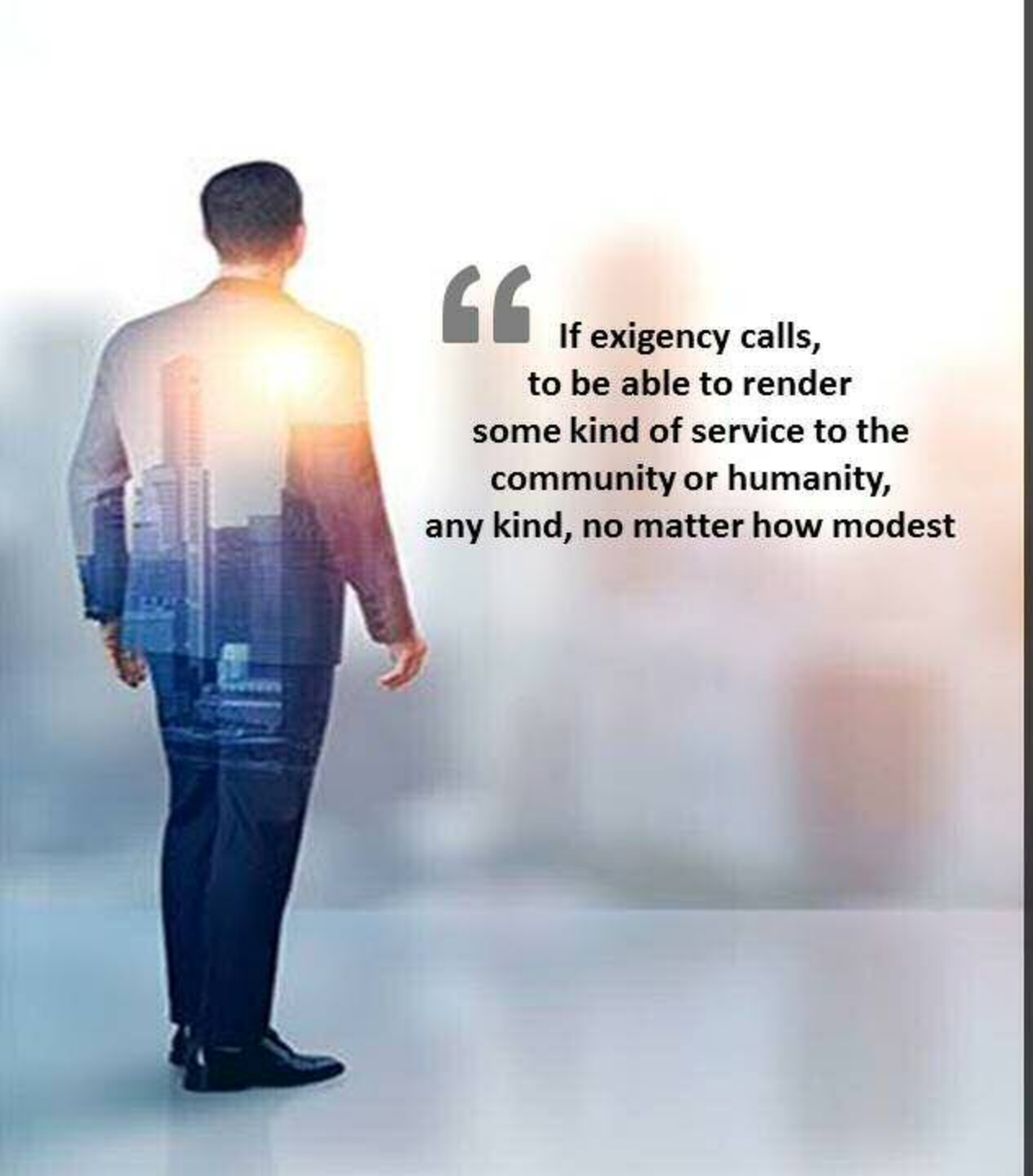
My life is fine, very fine. I’m in the warm embrace of a loving family, my wife and my children, I have no “known” outstanding health or financial issue. I believe I still retain the mental capacity and acuity, and the physical stamina for reading and for indulging in my hobbies.

He assessed his current life in different aspects - familial relationships, physical, mental, financial, and social. Without any known negative and outstanding issues in each of the different aspects led him to conclude that his life now is a very fine one.

He acknowledges the fact that his father was more financially successful than him. However, his family still enjoy almost the same comfort, amenities and financial security in life.



HIS ASPIRATIONS

**“If exigency calls,
to be able to render
some kind of service to the
community or humanity,
any kind, no matter how modest**

Despite his multiple accomplishments and fulfillments in life, he still intends to be of further service to the community and humanity.

He exhibits selflessness. He could have wanted to focus on things for himself and for his family, but he still chooses to look forward to rendering service to a wider group. Note that he even mentioned that the service could be of “any kind, no matter how modest.”

HIS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL AND PRODUCTIVE LIFE

He recommends the need for reforms in social values, and the need for the Philippines not to be left behind in this Fourth Industrial Revolution.

His being well read and up to date with current events is evident on how he sees the importance of STEM in a developing economy like the Philippines. He compares US with China who has less STEM people.

HIS ADVICES

FOR STUDENTS

- DEVELOP A LOVE FOR READING.
- DEVELOP A KEEN SENSE OF CURIOSITY AND DISCOVERY.
- FIND A WORK OR A CAREER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE APTITUDE OF THE STUDENT AND HIS SKILLS.
- TRAIN AND DEVELOP SKILLS.
- LEARN TO LOVE DOING ONE'S WORK WITHOUT EXPECTING ANY PAYMENT.

LESSONS LEARNED

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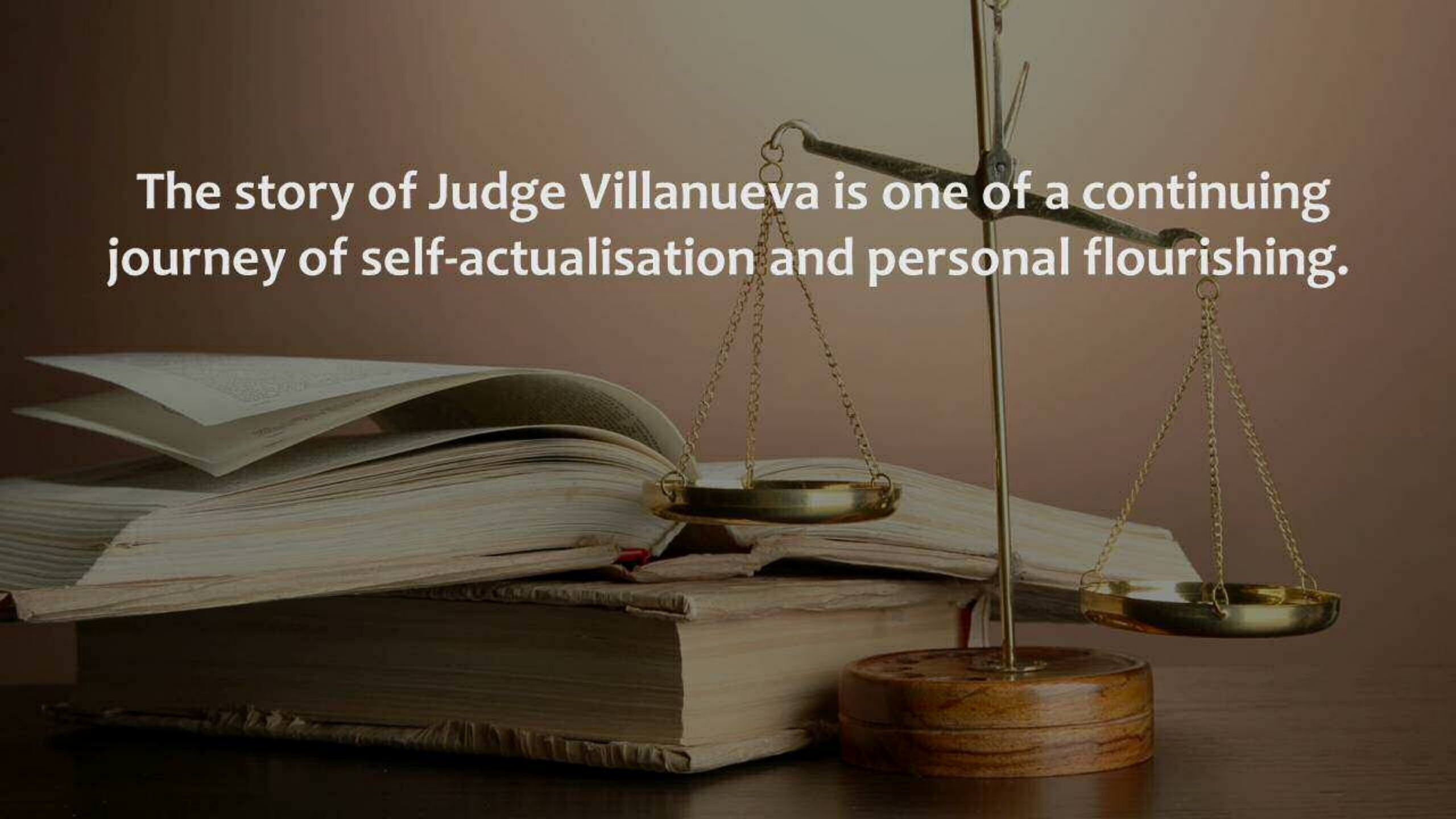
- It is necessary to set your goal, develop your skills, focus, pursue and live that dream but self-improvement should never cease.
- Family is a source of strength, a sanctuary who will stand by you in the midst of opposing trends and conflicting cultural pressure. It is the family who would nurture and strengthen the spirit and who would push you to strive to become better.
- The value of solidarity was emphasised by Judge Villanueva. This was a strong legacy of his illustrious family who never failed to instill the values of harmony and unity with the community and society at large.
- Education is a priority for his family and until now as an accomplished judge, he keeps on reading and has immersed himself into politics, history and current events. As a law student, he was diligent and passed the Bar examinations with a high grade of 85.675%.
- The more the person reached the ladder of success, the more the person becomes humble. Judge Villanueva spoke of accomplishments with great humility and this trait inspires us to follow this footstep.

KENNETH VILLANUEVA

- I have learned that my father had a good life even in the past. It is his perseverance in working as a lawyer, then a prosecutor, and and then as a judge that allowed him to achieve a good status even until the present.
- I also learned that he is determined to provide service to his community. However, he would like his profession to adapt to the computer age and to give greater focus to forensic science and criminal investigation.
- Another thing that is worthy of note is that he likes reading and he considers education to be his number one priority. From here, we could learn that it is his love for reading, his priority on education, and his desire to learn new technologies that made him to who he is today.

IAN DELA CRUZ

Sir Villanueva exhibits a passion for work that most of us are lacking. His words remind me to rediscover my sense of work as being in this situation, most of us are now simply studying just to pass, when in reality, the notion should be to love what we are doing with any consequences just like what he have said.


The story of Judge Villanueva is one of a continuing journey of self-actualisation and personal flourishing.

Dispositional Trait Analysis using the Five Factor Model:
Goldberg (1993)

Conscientiousness
Judge Villanueva is identified as a conscientious person just from his work alone. Being a judge requires him to be disciplined and careful not only in actions but also in thought as every statement and reflection he said in our interview are filled with thoughts and logical reasoning.

Agreeableness
He was willing to share his experiences and thoughts with us and he provided us with a list of things which should be reformed in our society. He was also very trusting as to disclose his personal information to us which we are very thankful for.

Neuroticism
He was very calm throughout the interview but there were times when there was a tone of resentment when he recounted the death of his dearly departed loved ones. Nonetheless, he was very stable as he also said that he is experiencing the same happiness he had when he was a child, making him a satisfied and a fulfilled person.

Extraversion
He is very sociable as he was very excited and joyful when discussing his experiences and providing us with meaningful life lessons. He is also very assertive and a critical thinker when answering our questions that most of the time he combined his answers to two or more questions.

Life Story Analysis Using McAdams' Structure and Content Features

McAdams (1996)

NARRATIVE TONE

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Judge Villanueva's life story is a positively toned narrative reflective of a happy, fulfilled and convenient life surrounded by supportive and closely-knitted family and exuding positive outlook in life.

IMAGERY

02

His narration of his life is characterized by imagery, especially on the part when he explained his childhood days and the years that he was pursuing law while everyone else in the Filipino-Chinese community was edging on the business world and his family was in the textile business.

THEME

03

The theme of his life story revolves around his ultimate goal of being of service to the public and the judiciary. It seeks communion as there exists a union of the judge with his own country. His life story stresses his insatiable thirst for public service, that even after his 33 years of service, he still wants to help, no matter how modest.

Life Story Analysis Using McAdams' Structure and Content Features

McAdams (1996)

IDEOLOGICAL SETTING

04

He firmly believes in the achievement of goals and the need for overall improvement and development of skills. He himself sought his own improvement by reading a lot and by being up-to-date on politics and current events. He hones his lawyering skills as he rose from the ranks. He dreamed of being in the public service and to be in the judiciary which he was able to achieve. He seeks reforms in our social values. He seeks for allowing online judicial transactions, and in expediting the adjudication processes. He seeks the need for the country to keep up with modernization, with having more people engage in STEM in this Fourth Industrial Revolution. He also advocates the need for doing what you love.

NUCLEAR EPISODES

05

As narrated to him by his mother, at an early age of seven, at the time when he wanted to be in the military, and the family was in the textile business, he declared that he was going to be a lawyer. He was destined to be a lawyer.

He also experienced transformation with the death of his mother when he decided to transition to the judiciary.

IMAGOES

06

With his life story, the "I" perceive the "me" as happy and contented with the conveniences he enjoyed while growing up and even up to now without any known illnesses. Such has been portrayed in several imagoes: "the outstanding judge", "the public servant", "the loving father and husband", "the supportive brother", "the trusted son", "the wide reader" and "the stem advocate" among others.

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